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Acting Deputy to the DCI
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Jack:

I have read with interest the draft DCI report to PFIAB and appreciate the opportunity to comment on it. The report's emphasis on the community-wide management responsibilities and actions of the DCI appears most appropriate and, on the whole, I think it is a highly useful document. My reservations are relatively minor, but I think it is important to note them for the record:

1. The product section, particularly the termination of the National Intelligence Survey (NIS) program, seems to de-emphasize coordinated intelligence products and judgments. OMB fully funded the NIS program in both 1973 and 1974, and we are concerned that termination will occasion the development of separate, uncoordinated products elsewhere in the Community at an equal or even greater expense. The DCI should take the necessary steps to ensure that the coordination of basic intelligence production is efficiently and effectively performed. In this regard, we have already noted an expansion of DIA's production of estimates which, in some cases, would more appropriately be produced in coordination with State, NSA, and CIA.

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2. The President's November 1971 directive is quite explicit in charging the DCI with certain responsibilities for all foreign intelligence activities. While we appreciate the difficulties associated with so-called "tactical intelligence" activities, OMB has not agreed to exclude these activities from the responsibilities specified in the President's directive.
3. The transferability of resources among the various intelligence programs is possible at any time prior to final budget formulation, but is exceedingly difficult after submission to Congress. Within these limits, OMB is prepared to explore with you such options as might be available, and I have asked Arnold Donahue to initiate discussion with you at your convenience.
4. As noted in my letter of July 14, 1973, OMB's major concerns regarding [] are the management, rather than technical, aspects of [] planning. I hope that we can discuss these in November either separately or as part of the IRAC agenda. 25X1 25X1

These specific points are made in order to clarify understanding of OMB's concerns. I would reemphasize the highly favorable impression the report conveys of DCI leadership in community matters.

With regard to the draft terms of reference on the Intelligence Research and Development Council, I cannot overemphasize the importance of making the tasks assigned to it by IRAC specific enough so that the Council becomes neither just another management review layer nor an advocacy body for more research for its own sake. I have also noted the absence of representatives of the two national programs on the Council even though they account for the bulk of intelligence research funding. Consideration should be given to adding them in at least on

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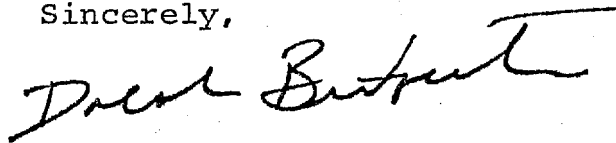
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observer status. OMB should also be accorded observer status at all meetings of the Council.

The creation of an IRAC Information Working Group is also useful and much needed. My representative will be Arnold Donahue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. A. Bridgewater, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

B. A. Bridgewater, Jr.
Associate Director

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